

DISTRICT 11-E2 NEWSLETTER



Notable Quotes: Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start." — Nido Qubein

OCTOBER 2021

District Governor's Message



District Governor
William Gaines

Greetings, fellow Lions.

The following list of "Ten Great Things About Being a Lion" is taken from the My Lions web site. Each of us has a different experience and different motivations for continuing in Lions. This list captures several possibilities, and we can each add our own priorities to the list. For myself, serving with my friends and the camaraderie that develops from that service is very rewarding. That is as true at the District and Multiple District level as it is at the club level. Please consider giving a special gift to your friends and relatives by inviting them to share the Lions experience with you.

1. **The fun and fellowship** – Service isn't just meaningful. It's fun. We build new friendships in our clubs and new connections in our communities. We laugh. We bond. We serve, and we do it with a smile and an open heart.
2. **Opportunities to lead** – Lions are leaders in their community, organizing projects that meet real needs. And you have opportunities to become a club officer so you can put your leadership skills to work for your club. Lions International offers online and in-person training that can take your leadership to the next level so you can learn, lead and grow.
3. **Tools to put your kindness in action** – A great project takes great planning. Service Project Planners give you the tools to serve global causes right in your local community.
4. **A global Foundation that magnifies your service impact** – Lions are supported by a world-class global foundation—Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCIF provides grant funding that helps Lions take on bigger projects that can bring lasting change. And when you contribute to LCIF and Campaign 100, you help ensure LCIF can continue supporting our efforts to serve a world in need.
5. **Being a part of something big** – Lions are a big family. A really big family. We are 1.4 million men and women in 48,000 clubs in nearly every country on earth. We are changing our communities, club by club. And together we are changing the world.
6. **Tech made just for Lions** – Lions are always on the go. That's why we developed Lions digital tools like MyLion, MyLCI and Connect to make it easier to be a Lion and manage your club. Your Lion Account gives you access to it all, so get signed up today.
7. **You get when you give** – Did you know that helping others actually helps you? A recent article in Psychology Today states that, "Research has found many examples of how doing good, in ways big or small, not only feels good, but also does us good." Volunteering improves our happiness, health and sense of well-being, and decreases symptoms of depression. Giving is a win-win!
8. **All the great Lions gear** – Everyone loves to show their Lion's pride, and there's no better way than wearing a Lions International-branded hat, shirt or vest while serving your community. Start shopping!
9. **That ah-ha moment** – Every Lion joins a club, but every member has a story about the moment they truly became a Lion. That day when you helped someone who had nowhere else to turn. The tears of joy. The heartfelt thanks. The hope you restored through your kindness. That's why we're Lions.
10. **An international staff that's here to serve you** – No one serves like a Lion, and Lions International is your team of dedicated professionals that's here to serve you. We're here when you need us, and be sure to explore lionsclubs.org for great info and resources to help you and your club.

2021-2022 DISTRICT OFFICERS REFERENCE LIST

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2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR Steven Murch Alpena Lions Club stevemurch49707@gmail.com	DISTRICT GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM COORDINATOR Marie Leathers marie@centrallakerealty.com
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District 11-E2 Website:
lionsdistrict11e2.org

Note: This information is up to date at the time of this publication, but is subject to change as adjustments are needed.

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Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac,
Charlevoix,
Cheboygan,
Crawford, Emmet,
Gladwin, Iosco,
Kalkaska,
Montmorency,
Ogemaw, Oscoda,
Otsego, Presque Isle,
Roscommon



ZONE 1	CLUBS	ZONE 3	CLUBS
N/A	Boyne Valley, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, East Jordan, Indian River, Mackinaw City, Petoskey	ZC Steven Murch Alpena Lions Club stevemurch49707@gmail.com	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Atlanta, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
ZC Jim Broome Central Lake Lions Club jrbroome@charter.net	Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Lewiston/ Lewiston Lioness Lions, Roscommon- Higgins Lake	ZC Don McDonell Hale Lions Club cdmcdonell@gmail.com	Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, Prescott-Skidway Lake, Rose City,



Lions Clubs International



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Give the Gift of Belonging

Dear Lion,

We often talk about the power of working together. We know we are stronger as a club than as individuals. When I became a Lion, I knew I was joining something bigger than myself. I felt honored and excited. I felt like it was the natural extension of my life's work. It gave me purpose and direction for all the good. I knew I wanted to do.

And do you know what else it gave me? A new kind of family.

I come from a big family and a close-knit community, so I was no stranger to the benefits of a wide circle of loved ones. But as I brought food to home-bound seniors and checked in on single parents, I realized that there are so many people who did not have the community that I had. It made me see that there are things people need beyond food and shelter. People need a sense of belonging. People need to feel included.

And this is why I challenge you to consider inviting someone you have helped – a lonely widower or even a young family – to join your club. There is room for everyone in Lions. Let's show people how giving of yourself truly does come back to you – in friendship, community, and belonging.

Yours in Service,

Douglas X. Alexander

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International President



LCIF.ORG

**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

From LCIF Chairperson Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

The expression “give and take” describes a relationship in which cooperation and shared responsibility create success. **Your relationship with LCIF**, like mine, is “give and take.”

This issue of your LCIF newsletter illustrates how our global foundation gives us opportunity to take our service to greater heights. In turn, we must create a true give-and-take-relationship by each fulfilling our responsibility to give what we can to LCIF.

Lions and Leos, thank you for joining me in supporting our Foundation during the remaining months of Campaign 100, and beyond.

GREAT NEWS: Campaign Model Club Deadline Extended

Lions clubs now have three years from the date of commitment to reach Model Club goals and earn limited-edition recognition. We need every club, Lion, and Leo to help ensure Campaign 100 success. Be part of Campaign 100 and our history!

Magnify Your Service Impact

Serving your neighbors in need, and helping fellow Lions and Leos serve theirs, takes funding. Pledge your support to LCIF.

PLEDGE



Note:
More
information
on the
LCIF
website.

From Past International President and Campaign 100 Chairperson Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

Nine months remain in LCIF's largest and most historic capital campaign ever. Fundraising of US\$225,145,412 means we must raise approximately US\$75,000,000 more by June 30. Tips and information below will help us get there. Like Lions in Haiti, empowered by US\$100,000 in LCIF Emergency grant funds to respond urgently to victims of the recent earthquake, I thank you for leading Campaign 100 to success so our important work can continue.

Important: Model Club Deadline Extended

Clubs committing to become Model Clubs between July 1, 2021, and Campaign 100's end now have three years from the date of commitment to reach their goals. Club LCIF coordinators and other leaders: **We need every club, Lion, and Leo to help ensure Campaign 100 success.** Earn limited-edition recognition, and be part of Campaign 100 and our history!

Tip: Encourage Model Club Commitment Now

Model Club resources help you reach Model Club status or higher-level status. **District governors and club LCIF coordinators:** Campaign Presidential Medals await those increasing the number of Model Club commitments. Here's where your constitutional area stands.

Constitutional Area	Number of Model Clubs
I	474
II	47
III	53
IV	217
V	2,269
VI	297
VII	69
VIII	68

as of 9/13/21



A message from:

Jerome Thompson

**Past International Director,
GAT Constitutional Area 1
Leader**



Jerome Thompson Message:

My grandmother would tell me, “Watch the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves”. The application to the Lions Club is if we will daily do what we do best – service from the heart, membership will take care of itself. This is most evident as we consider the way every club found new and creative ways to serve in the past two years. Now, we are reaping the benefits of that activity, through enlisting more members than any time in recent history. Thank you for persevering.

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Membership Growth:

July 2021 – New membership growth of 323 and added 7 new clubs



TOOLS YOU MAY WANT TO USE

Just Ask! Guide ➤

Just Ask! Quick Tips ➤

New Member Orientation ➤

Induction Ceremonies ➤

Mentoring Program ➤

Membership Satisfaction Guide ➤

Club Quality Initiative ➤



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lions Club Officer,

As the first quarter of this Lions year comes to an end, you are in a unique position to empower your Lions club and guide it to success during your term.

Financial Transparency Builds Trust and Member Satisfaction

We offer some resources to help you guide your club like the [Best Practices for Financial Transparency](#).

Review the document to learn more about:

- Financial Reporting
- Reimbursement Procedures
- Bank Account Management
- Conducting Audits/Reviews
- And much more!

This helpful resource was designed to provide you with general best practices, but it's a good idea to consult with an accounting professional to ensure that your club is compliant with local regulations and to further ensure that the club is engaging in appropriate business practices.

Help LCI Help Your Club by Appointing a Club Membership Chair

A vibrant membership does not happen by accident. It takes a team, working together, to make it happen. A club Membership Committee can create a vision for the club, build a membership development plan, and build membership success. Start by appointing a club membership chairperson to make sure that your club:

- Receives monthly guidance and best practices to support club growth
- Receives support from the district global membership team coordinator
- Has access to tools from the membership chairperson's [webpage](#) to help create a membership development plan
- Applies strategies found in the membership chairpersons guide and Just Ask! guide to member recruitment

A good membership development plan will grow your club's membership in two ways: first by bringing in new members, and second, by making sure you keep the members you have. The [membership satisfaction guide](#) will provide ideas you can incorporate into your club to keep your members happy. There are plenty of resources available at www.lionsclubs.org to help you succeed in your membership goals.

If you are a Facebook user, visit us at [Improving Lions Club Quality](#) where you will find helpful information from Lions around the world. You can post questions, comments, stories and share new ideas to help improve your club.

We look forward to supporting you and your club. Please contact us if you have any questions by phone at (630) 468-7084 or (630) 468-6890 or email us at clubofficers@lionsclubs.org.

Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,

Your District and Club Administration Support Team



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 that are not otherwise required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as the 990-N). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Please review the document below for important information regarding your annual tax filing obligation. Thank you!

Kindest regards,

Legal Division

Lions Clubs International

Annual Tax Filing Information

Lions: Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts that have annual gross receipts of less than US\$50,000 and do not have to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the [e-Postcard](#) (also known as 990-N). **If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.**

All filers must register at IRS.gov prior to filing their next Form 990-N. This is a one-time registration if the designated Lion files annually. If the designee changes from a prior year, the new designee must register with the IRS.

Please refer to the following chart regarding annual filing requirements:

2020-2021 Tax Year*	Form to File
Gross receipts normally \$50,000 or less	990-N
Gross receipts greater than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000, and total assets less than \$500,000	990-EZ or 990
Gross receipts \$200,000 or greater or total assets \$500,000 or greater	990

The e-Postcard is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1-June 30, and the e-Postcard is due by November 15 each year. Please note that an organization cannot request an extension for filing the Form 990-N.

If you do not file, you risk losing your tax-exempt status. Any Lions club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax exempt status. A club may apply for reinstatement of its tax exemption even if it originally fell under a group exemption.

Every club and/or district (single, sub- and multiple) must have an employer identification number (EIN), even if it will not have employees. The EIN is a unique number that identifies the organization to the Internal Revenue Service. To apply for an EIN, you should obtain a Form SS-4 and its instructions from the IRS. You may also apply for an [EIN online](#), by telephone (1-800-829-4933) or by fax (fax number at the location accepting applications from your state). It is important that clubs and districts use the correct EIN for their annual filing.

For frequently asked questions about tax issues and regulations affecting Lions clubs and leadership, visit the [Lions Tax FAQ](#). Visit www.irs.gov/eo for complete details and to sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, *EO Update*, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov.

Legal Division

My grandmother would tell me, "Watch the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves". The application



Fall Events

Lions Bear Lake Camp Wine & Craft Beer

Hosted at Metamora Lions Club

October 29, 2021

TICKETS: \$65 Single Ticket – \$125 Couple Ticket – \$350 Table (Seats 6)

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS: Wine & Craft Beer Tasting Strolling – Food Selections – Bucket Auctions & Raffles Dancing and more

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Doors 5:30 pm – Wine & Craft Beer Tasting & Strolling
Food Stations 6:00 pm – Music & Entertainment 6:00 pm
Raffles & Bucket Auction 6:30 – 9:00 pm

SPONSORSHIPS:

Event Sponsorship: \$1000.00

Sponsor's name will be part of the official title of the event and all aspects of the event's activities, such as event signage and recognition on event materials. Sponsorship includes eight event tickets.

Wine & Craft Beer Sponsorship: \$500.00

Sponsors will receive recognition for sponsoring all wine & craft beer samples for the evening as well as signage and recognition on event materials. Sponsorship includes four event tickets.

From the Desk of the Executive Director, Shelley O'Henley

Thank you to everyone who continues to check in on us and send donations to assist during these hard fiscal times. We are beyond grateful and still continue to pray for the well-being and safety of you and your families.

2021 has allowed us the opportunity to host district lions conventions, in-person camps and so much more. We had a great summer season for our Visually Impaired and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Campers and a phenomenal camp staff! We have set our 2022 dates and are already in the planning stages!

I often get calls about what can individuals and clubs do to help out! Therefore, below is a list of my top 10 requests!

Please share with your friends and family! It's not always items, but rather sharing our message and using your connections to assist in finding volunteers, donors, donations and even staff.

1. Golf Carts - we use these during our programming season to assist campers and are in need of replacing some of the ones we currently have.

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2. Equipment Maintenance - we have a tractor, truck and golf carts that are all in need of some mechanical tlc and we are looking for some experts in the field to assist in servicing them.
3. Window Blinds for the Dining Hall - we are looking for a donor to replace the blinds in the dining hall.
4. Remodel Materials - we do have cabins that need to remodeled and painting to be done, therefore we are looking for donations and tools to assist with these remodel projects.
5. Cabin and Building Sponsorships - We have individuals and clubs who have sponsored our buildings throughout the last 20 years. Some of those sponsorships have since ceased for different reasons, so we are looking for new sponsorships and asking that clubs who are currently sponsoring a cabin or building, follow up with me so we can determine what needs to be added and/or updated.
6. Volunteers - after not having a Work Bee for almost 2 years, we are in desperate need of volunteers to assist with painting and remodeling of our cabins and buildings. Please join if you can on September 24th or 25th or let me know a date that might work better for you!
7. Staff - we are actively seeking a Full-Time Food Services Director and Kitchen Staff, Full-Time Camp Director, Summer Seasonal Waterfront Director, Summer Seasonal Outdoor Instructor and multiple Summer Seasonal camp counselors and program staff.
8. Art Center - we have an almost fully renovated Art Center with the financial assistance from the Lapeer County Community Foundation and many volunteers. We are now in need of an individual with a passion for Art and youth to adopt the programming of that building! Do you know of anyone who would fit that description?
9. Addition of two Sun Shade Structures - we are seeking to build two sunshade structures for our waterfront and archery areas. We are in need of contractors to assist with the design and bid for this project.
10. Sharing of our events - we have the Wine & Craft Beer Fundraiser and the Ultra-Marathon events coming up. We are in need of sponsorships and donations! Please share our events and join in if you can! Tickets are great for gifting to others.

FINALLY ... the Ultra-Marathon fundraiser is fast approaching and we do need our trails cleaned so they are safe for our runners! We are looking for 8-10 people and 2.5 hours of work to help with weed whipping, cutting down trees and trimming shrubs.

If you can assist with any of the above, please either call me at **(810) 837-0119** or shelly@bearlakecamp.org.

Again, thank you so much for all that you do on our behalf!

Together We Serve,

Lion Shelly

Lions Bear Lake Camp Wine & Craft Beer Tasting Fundraiser

Friday, October 29, 2021

Hosted at

Metamora Lions Hall

3790 N Oak St, Metamora, MI 48455

Catered by Metamora Golf & Country Club



Please join us for the ninth annual Lions Bear Lake Camp Wine Tasting Fundraiser. Now also featuring craft beer samples! Proceeds from this event will support Lions Bear Lake Camp. Together, we can make this a great event for such a wonderful cause.

Our Mission: to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences year-round to all persons, regardless of ability. Our summer camps include sessions for children who are blind/visually impaired, deaf/hard of hearing, have juvenile arthritis, have cancer, have autism and grieving loss.

ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Wine & Craft Beer Tasting
Strolling Food Selections
Bucket Auctions & Raffles
Dancing and more!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Doors 5:30 pm
Wine/Craft Beer Tasting & Strolling Food
Stations 6:00 pm
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Raffles & Bucket Auction 6:30 – 9:00 pm

EVENT FEES

\$65 Single Ticket
\$125 Couple Ticket
\$350 Table (Seats 6)

If you'd like to learn more about Lions Bear Lake Camp, visit www.bearlakecamp.org

To learn more about Metamora Golf & Country Club, visit www.metamoragolf.com

For additional information, please contact:

Rick Fleming, Metamora Golf & Country Club General Manager 248.342.1702

Jim Pettinato, Lions Bear Lake Camp Board Member/Event Chair 989.305.5397 jtpett1130@gmail.com

Event Sponsorship Opportunities

A great way for your group or business to do a bit more!

Event Sponsorship \$1,000

Sponsor's name will be a part of the official title of the event and all aspects of the event's activities, such as event signage and recognition on event materials.

Sponsorship includes eight event tickets.

Wine Sponsorship \$500

Sponsors will receive recognition for sponsoring all wine samples for the evening as well as signage and recognition on event materials.

Sponsorship includes four event tickets.

Craft Beer Sponsorship \$500

Sponsors will receive recognition for sponsoring all craft beer samples for the evening as well as signage and recognition on event materials.

Sponsorship includes four event tickets.

Donations Welcome!!!

Donated raffle and auction items are appreciated.

Registration Information

(Registration can also be completed online at www.bearlakecamp.org under the fundraiser tab)

Attendee / Sponsor _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Number of guests _____

Sponsorship Level _____

Total \$ _____

Method of Payment:

Cash Check Credit Card

Number _____ Exp. _____

Please make payments to: Lions Bear Lake Camp

Mail to:

Metamora CC

C/O Lions Bear Lake Camp

1600 Club Drive Metamora MI 48455

Lions Bear Lake Camp is a licensed 501(c)(3) charitable organization

How Many State Projects Do We Have?

If you didn't guess FIVE, then this is the webinar for you! Join us on Saturday, October 16, 9:00 a.m. and spend valuable time getting to know the Lions of Michigan State Projects and how, together, we serve our communities and our state.

Hear from the Fab Five: All State Band, Bear Lake Camp, Eversight, Leader Dogs and the Lions of MI Foundation. Learn how our partnerships began and how we work hand-in-hand to serve those in need throughout our state.

Sessions include recorded and live speakers:

CEO Becky Dahlke and Director Jason Russell, All State Band
Executive Director Shelly O'Henley, Bear Lake Camp
Author Lion Gary Abud, Eversight,
Director of Lions Engagement Beth Slade, Leader Dog
Executive Director Chad McCann, Lions of MI Foundation

Register today for this free webinar on October 16, with future access to the entire webinar on the Lions YouTube Channel.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

2022-2023 COUNCIL CHAIR APPLICATIONS NOW ACCECPTED!

Attention all eligible Multiple District 11 Past District Governors, Immediate PDG's, District Governors and 1st VDG's: The search is on!

In accordance with the MD 11 Constitution and By-Laws, the Council Chairperson shall be a Past District Governor, Immediate Past District Governor or a seated District Governors. 1st VDGs are eligible to submit an application for consideration, as they will be a seated Governor 2022-2023. He/she shall serve for a one-year term and may not serve in that capacity again.

Notice to all eligible candidates is required and published in the Lion Pride at least 40 days prior to the application deadline. To be considered for the position, please submit a cover letter, the application form included in this publication and your resume to the Lions of Michigan State Office no later than November 23, 2021. Late applications will not be accepted.

Interviews will be conducted by the 2021-2022 MD 11- 1st Vice District Governors on Friday, **December 3, at the Holiday Inn Express, Mt. Pleasant, MI**. Selection of the 2022-2023 Council Chair will be made at the conclusion of the interviews.

Thank you for taking the time to consider serving the Lions of Michigan, MD 11, in this very important capacity. Contact Lion Wendy Burns with questions at 517-887-6640 ext 11. Mail your resume to: Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911
— Wendy Burns

**MD 11 Council Chairperson – 2022-2023
Application Form**

Please type or print:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
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Spouse's Name (if applicable)

Address	City and State	Zip/Postal Code
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Residence Phone (Include Area Code)	Business Phone (Include Area Code)
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Fax (Include Area Code)	Cell Phone (Include Area Code)
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E-Mail Address

Your Lions Club	District #	Year Served as a DG
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Include on separate letter head the following:

Offices held at the club level:

Offices held at the zone, region, and district level (including committee assignments):

Offices held at the multiple district level (including committee assignments):

Special awards, honors, and recognitions you have received:

Skills or talents you bring to the position:

Mail to: Lions of Michigan
Attn: Wendy Burns, Executive Director
5730 Executive Dr.
Lansing, Michigan 48911

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2021:

Cabinet meeting — October 09, 2021 — 10:00 a.m.—Congregational Church, Alpena
Cabinet meeting for all district cabinet members, district committee chairs, zone chairs, club presidents and secretaries.

Halloween — October 31, 2021 — Trick or Treat

NOVEMBER 2021

Daylight Savings Time Ends — November 7, 2021 — “Fall Back”

Veterans Day — November 11, 2021 — Honor Military Service

Thanksgiving Day — November 25, 2021 — Gratitude & Turkey

DECEMBER 2021:

Cabinet meeting — December 11, 2021 — 10:00 a.m. — **Zoom** — Cabinet meeting for all district cabinet members, district committee chairs, zone chairs, club presidents and secretaries.

Winter Solstice — December 21, 2021 — Winter officially arrives

Christmas Day — December 25, 2021 — Gift Giving & Receiving



PASSINGS



NONE REPORTED in SEPTEMBER

NEW MEMBERS

No New Members Information Reported In September

On the Mend

NONE REPORTED IN SEPTEMBER

Boyne Valley Lions

OCTOBER 2021

The Lions trailer had sales of \$1,573 on Sunday (September 5) at the Drag Races! Net profit after expenses was \$310 or 25% return on our investment

Thanks to the Volunteer Lions who helped at the trailer on Sunday!

The Lions trailer had great sales at the Rambler game on Friday (September 10). Sales were \$1,080 and net profit was \$825!

(Info from BV Lions meeting notes.)

East Jordan Lions

OCTOBER 2021

East Jordan Lion's members loaded and delivered 175 chairs to the Castle in Charlevoix for a 3-day Suicide Prevention conference.

Pictured are Lions Bob and Sherry Pursel, Don Folsom, Dave Carr, Sue Folsom, Ron Warnos and his son Levi, and Jan Carr.

Quite a task and a job well done!



Central Lake Lions

SEPTEMBER 2021

IPDG Rod's appreciation picnic was a big splash - over and over again with all the sure shots dunking Rod in the dunk tank! It was an honor to have PID Jenny Ware joining in on the fun and continuing to inspire our district.

Thanks to everyone who attended for the fun and festivities.

PID Jenny Ware and IPDG Rod Leathers —



— Past District Governors of District 11-E2 attending: Wayne Schultz, Gordon Harris, Barb Durlinger, Dennis Richardson, Rod Leathers, Bob Gingerich and Don Seifried.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES – OCTOBER 1

This is a snapshot of the World, Nation, and State of Michigan statistics on **OCTOBER 1, 2021**. Numbers may be significantly higher by the time you read this as the COVID-19 Delta Variant continues to infect more.

(Info from John Hopkins, WHO, CDC & michigan.gov.)

World Statistics

Cases: 233,762,477 ♦ **Deaths:** 4,783,214

U. S. Statistics

Cases: 43,289,203 ❖ **Deaths:** 694,701

Michigan Statistics

Cases: 1,159,419 ❖ **Deaths:** 22,439

Vaccinations (1 or more doses) Summary:

Age: 16+ – 1+ Dose

World: 45.4% – **United States:** 64.6% – **Michigan:** 67.8%

DISTRICT 11-E2 STATISTICS

 = Highest No. = Lowest No.

11-E2 Counties	Cases Reported	Deaths	% Vaccinated
Alcona:	942	39	59.57%
Alpena:	2,792	69	59.61%
Antrim:	2,021	34	62.80%
Arenac:	1,483	31	56.47%
Charlevoix:	2,162	29	68.06%
Cheboygan:	2,451	58	59.18%
Crawford:	1,154	15	57.39%
Emmet:	2,963	47	71.88%
Gladwin:	2,885	66	53.05%
Iosco:	2,594	86	61.03%
Kalkaska:	1,516	30	52.47%
Montmorency:	790	24	58.43%
Ogemaw:	2,269	46	48.67%
Oscoda:	831	32	47.75%
Otsego:	2,826	48	59.31%
Presque Isle:	1,242	35	64.46%
Roscommon:	2,172	59	58.32%
Totals	33,093	748	

Confirmed cases include individuals with a positive NAAT/RT-PCR test for COVID-19. Probable cases include individuals with either a positive rapid antigen detection test OR COVID-19 symptoms and an epidemiologic link to a confirmed COVID-19 case, but no diagnostic test.

Vaccination % = number of county residents vaccinated (1 or 2 doses) divided by the total county resident population 16+

COVID: A Year & A Half Later

The CDC estimates the national proportion of cases of the aggressive Delta variant to be greater than 99% of all COVID-19 current infections. Recent CDC studies find unvaccinated people are nearly **five** times more likely to be infected with Covid-19, and about **29** times more likely to be hospitalized with Covid-19 than those fully vaccinated. Of the more than 120,000 pregnant women in the U.S. diagnosed with COVID, unvaccinated pregnant women are more than twice as likely than non-pregnant women to need intensive care and a ventilator when they contract COVID. Adjusting for the mom's age, the miscarriage risk after Covid vaccination aligns with the normal risk of miscarriage.

Across the U.S., reports from the FDA show people ingesting **ivermectin** doses in a paste form that is designated for horses, as well as some dubious doctors even prescribing it for COVID-19. Ivermectin is an anti-parasitic drug used in tablet form to treat river blindness and intestinal roundworm infection in humans, to de-worm pets and livestock, and used topically in lotions and creams to treat head lice and rosacea. Typically pre-pandemic, there are about 3,600 prescriptions filled for ivermectin in a year. From early July and August, the CDC reported over 88,000 prescriptions dispensed – a 2,344% increase. The side effects of ivermectin overdose can include: Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, confusion, hallucinations, seizures, coma and death.

Three reasons to not use ivermectin to try to prevent COVID-19: 1) Ivermectin is not proven to be effective for COVID-19. 2) Using ivermectin not as it was intended can cause a variety of health risks, even death. 3) You are not a horse or a cow and a large dose of ivermectin is highly toxic.

Poison control centers are seeing a dramatic surge in calls from people self-medicating with ivermectin. The National Poison Data System (NPDS) announced a 245% jump in reported exposure cases from July to August — from 133 to 459. At this stage, the vaccines are proven to work with less risks. More studies are needed to determine if ivermectin has any effective potential to affect infection or modify symptoms for COVID patients.

It Doesn't Take An Einstein...

One of the most famous men to walk the earth was scientific genius Albert Einstein. Virtually everyone has heard of his celebrated equation " **$E=mc^2$** ", even if they don't understand what it means – "**Energy equals mass times the speed of light squared.**" This equation posits that energy and mass (matter) are interchangeable; just different forms of the same thing. Einstein's simple but profound description of physical reality, his early 1900's theory of general relativity and theory of special relativity helped to usher in the beginning of modern physics.

We've learned much about Einstein as a brilliant scientist. However, he was also a human being, gifted with a great intellect, but also capable of making mistakes. His personal life, as a husband and father, was often as untidy as his rumpled appearance. A recent article I encountered revealed Einstein to be a champion of civil rights, something I'd never read about him before. Why this humanitarian aspect of Einstein wasn't widely publicized before is puzzling.

A young Einstein and his first wife traveled around the world. His journal entries indicate that he was critical of the Chinese people in a prejudiced way. However, the rise of Nazism evidently convinced him of the stupidity of prejudice and racism. Einstein, a Jew, realized his Nobel Prize and scientific stature would not protect him from Nazi racist dogma. He fled Germany to American shores, where he found the same despicable racist hatred he loathed – different victims, same ignorance and violent hatred.

Einstein understood the meaning of "humanity" and worked compassionately to improve it. Not content to just be disgusted by racism, he joined the fight against injustice, actively condemning the oppression black people faced and befriending activists like Paul Robeson. Black opera singer Marian Anderson, who sang to a packed audience of white people, was then denied a room at a local hotel in Princeton, N.J.. Einstein learned of this and invited her to his Princeton home. Anderson always stayed at the Einsteins whenever in Princeton.

Einstein co-chaired a committee to end lynching, joined the NAACP, and spoke out for civil rights at every opportunity. While some scientists and others urged him quit speaking out because science shouldn't be connected with controversy and politics, Einstein was not deterred, continuing to speak out for justice and equality as a compassionate human being, and inspiring others to fight injustice.

That the greatest physicist of the time was also a devoted civil rights crusader only increases his legacy as an intelligent, enlightened, and compassionate human being – something we desperately need more of.

We've seen racism rise, emerging from the shadows, in the last decade. It doesn't take an Einstein to see that racism is sheer stupidity with its false dogma of "inferior" types of humans. Scientific research and discoveries in DNA and in the fossil record have shown that there is only one race of people currently on this planet – the human race.

The Lions Clubs International embraces Kindness and Diversity, the total opposites of racism – another reason to be proud of our organization.

BE KIND. MASK UP + SOCIAL DISTANCE + WASH HANDS + VACCINATION = STAY SAFE!

Pictures of the Month: October 2021



Species Name

Bachman's warbler
Bridled white-eye (bird)
Flat pigtoe mussel
Green-blossom pearly mussel
Ivory-billed woodpecker
Kauai akialoa (bird)
Kauai nukupuu (bird)
Kauai 'ō'ō (bird)
Large Kauai thrush (bird)
Little Mariana fruit bat
Maui ākepa (bird)
Maui nukupu'u (bird)
Molokai creeper (bird)
<i>Phyllostegia glabra</i> var. <i>lanaiensis</i> (plant)
Po'ouli (bird)
San Marcos gambusia (fish)
Scioto madtom (fish)
Southern acornshell mussel
Stirrupshell mussel
Tubercled-blossom pearly mussel
Turgid-blossom pearly mussel
Upland combshell mussel
Yellow-blossom pearly mussel

Usually I like to share pictures that show the beauty or the amazing diversity of life on this planet, something we can appreciate or enjoy in the natural world. However, I think we need to come to terms with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently announcing a death list of 22 animals and one plant that they determined to be extinct. All were on the endangered species lists, and most have not been seen in years or decades. Hawaii alone lost 8 forest birds. The table — *right* — lists all 23 extinct species.

The handsome bird (mounted) in the picture above is an ivory-billed woodpecker, the United States' largest woodpecker species and the 3rd largest in the world. It is - or was - about the size of a crow, standing at 20 inches tall with a 30-inch wingspan. It lived in the southern swampy forests of Florida to Arkansas, with the last confirmed sighting in 1944. Though some still hope that a few woodpeckers yet live in some deep forest (after all, even the most thorough searches conducted can't look at every square foot) the chances of that is very slim.

The main modern causes of extinction are the loss and degradation of habitat (mainly deforestation, logging), over exploitation (hunting, over-fishing), invasive species, climate change, and pollution (mostly nitrogen) — all related to human activity.

The Lions identifies the Environment as one of our major focus areas: "*The earth sustains human life. We've seen how our stewardship of natural resources can improve quality of life and increase engagement in our local communities. Our environment is more than a background: it's our home. And we're committed to caring for it.*" There are hundreds of animal species vulnerable or critically endangered that can be saved, IF... Although it saddens me to see life forms go extinct, I would like to see the COVID virus go extinct,— and mosquitos!

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- Photos of Service Activities, Fundraising Events, Awards, etc.

*** Photos: Should be 300 pixels for good quality.**

Include names of individuals in photos, and/or describe what the photo is showing.

Text: Include dates and names (if applicable) for all events submitted.

Text will be edited as needed for space, spelling, corrections, etc.

Don't be left out!!



Racism has no place in our world.

Our organization depends on the incredible diversity of our members around the world because great things can only be achieved when we are united.

#kindnessmatters

